MMR_0632 Glyn Thomas PhillyNMRA

Glyn was photographed while giving a photo etching clinic

Glyn Thomas is our newest MMR.

Glyn is British. I met him at the 2017 MER convention, saw this clinic, and thought "we need this in The LOCAL." So I asked him later to write it and send it...a little overdue getting published, but that's more about the length than anything else.

Division member Glyn Thomas. Glyn modeled British and other foreign railroads for many years before coming to the United States. The building of his Lehigh and Susquehanna Division layout, based on 1948 Central Railroad of New Jersey operations in the Lehigh Valley, was a 10+ year journey to becoming a U.S. model railroader. In this clinic, Glyn will illustrate his layout with comparison to prototype archive material, and explain some differences in approach between U.S. and British modeling."

GOOGLE GLYN THOMAS and look for videos of his modeling.

The CNJ – Susquehanna Division HO layout is intended to represent the real Central Railroad of New Jersey's operation in the Lehigh Valley as it would have appeared in 1947.

At the time, the CNJ served two major functions – in the east, it was a commuter railroad serving the New Jersey hinterland of New York City; in the west, it was a coal railroad, shipping anthracite from the Pennsylvania coalfields towards the mid-west manufacturing cities, and east to the coast for shipment along the eastern seaboard.

The layout is set in the west, so mainly represents coal traffic, with some bridging through freight traffic and long-distance passenger trains. The CNJ replaced steam with diesel in 1947-1948 on most routes, so the time is set in the final days of the transition era.